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TURNER RESPONSE TO TERROR ANNOUNCEMENT: A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL NOT DETER A TERRORIST

Congressman Jim Turner, Ranking Member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, issued the following statement in response to the press conference held today regarding terrorist threats against the United States.

“It has been stated repeatedly that Al Qaeda is planning an attack against the United States. The intelligence indicates that the attack may occur between now and the end of this year.

Secretary Ridge’s press conference today added nothing new to this information.

The Administration has not moved forward with the speed and urgency that is needed to make America as safe as it needs to be.

Serious security gaps remain and today’s press conference failed to move this country forward in closing them.

A press conference will not deter a terrorist. Real action to make this country as safe as it needs to be is the only way we will win the war on terror.